



December 9, 2018

West Valley Presbyterian Church

This morning's theme: God's Promised Reign of Peace

Called to Worship

Call to Worship: Isaiah 2:2-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

Angels from the realm of glory

Angels from the realm of glory,
Wing our flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim the Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9 (page 575)

Confessing our Sin

Prayer of Confession

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming.

We are an unfaithful people; our only hope is that you should come and help us.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace.

Even so: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Isaiah 40

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned

Celebrating the Gospel

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

Declaring our Faith: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light
shone.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

From Age To Age

Oh God of power, living Word, the One who made the stars
Who with Your glory filled the earth from dust made beating hearts
You loved us when we fell away poured mercy on our souls
And promised grace would come to save to loose death's iron hold

*You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise again and again*

Oh God of promises fulfilled, the God who took on flesh
Who did all that the Father willed was humbled unto death
You bore our cross of sin and shame, endured our agony
With gladness we now bear Your name and worship at Your feet

Oh God who surely guides our steps through tempests and through trials
Our Shepherd King Your way is best though tears now veil our eyes
Your steadfast love our perfect hope, our eyes are fixed on grace
We have no doubt You'll lead us home to finally see Your face

Oh God of all of history, enthroned in realms of light
What eyes of faith have strained to see will one day fill our sight
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound for all eternity

The Installation of Rev. David Royes as Associate Pastor

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”
Acts 20:28

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We Will Say In That Day (Isaiah 12)

You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land;
And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,
Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"
And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords,
Very soon to for-get what they once were for,
When we join in the song of the Lord!

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save.
We will shout; we will call every tribe and race,
"Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread,
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head;
And our Shepherd himself is our wine and bread.
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

When the remnant return to the promised land;
When the highway of God brings us home to Him;
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend;
And we'll join in the song of the Lord!

Compelled to Go Out

Commission & Benediction: Romans 15:12-13

Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service!

This week:

Today: **Youth Group** – 6:30pm-8pm at church

Saturday: **Women’s Bible Study** – 8am at Panera, Trexlertown

Next Sunday: **Bring gifts for the gift drive!**

Announcements:

Welcome to Rev. Mel Farrar and Rev. Michael Goodlin who are visiting as members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery’s commission to install David Royes.

Gift Drive – Looking for an opportunity to show the generosity of Christ this Christmas? Sign up to purchase Christmas gifts for a local family in need. Visit westvalleypres.org/gifts to register and bring your gift *next Sunday, December 16th*.

Library – Visit the church library and discover some great resources to help you and your family focus on Christ this advent season!

Christmas Eve Service – **Monday, December 24th at 7pm.** Invite a friend for this service of lessons and carols, including a short message about the true meaning of Christmas.

Bible Studies – The midweek men’s and women’s studies will start back up in January with a new series in *Luke’s Gospel*.

The Coyle’s New Address – 23 Elkrun Cove, Little Rock, AR 72211

More information about Bible Studies and small groups can be found at:

www.westvalleypres.org/groups

Memory Verse

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1:32-33

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